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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Bluebeard Restaurant.

Whereas, The James Beard Foundation Restaurant and Chef Awards are considered the Oscars of the food world;

Whereas, The Bluebeard restaurant, opened in the summer of 2012 at 653 Virginia Avenue in the historic Holy Rosary neighborhood in Indianapolis, is a semifinalist in the foundation's best new restaurant category;

Whereas, The Bluebeard was chosen as a semifinalist from a list that includes new restaurants from across the country;

Whereas, Located in a renovated 1924 warehouse,

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Bluebeard features a family dining room, a bar room, and a courtyard with a menu showcasing contemporary Italian-inspired cuisine that features the best local produce and meat;

Whereas, The Bluebeard derived its name from a novel by Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut and, in homage to the writer, is decorated with antique typewriters, including one that is reputed to be a replica of the machine Vonnegut used to write his book;

Whereas, The person responsible for securing and renovating the space for the Bluebeard restaurant is Tom Battista;

Whereas, Tom Battista is a native Hoosier born and raised in Indianapolis;

Whereas, Although he received an outstanding education at Brebeuf High School and Indiana University, Tom learned valuable lessons that would serve him well later in his career while on the job with "an old concrete guy" named Finn Thornton;

Whereas, He learned the value of how to set up a job, the importance of being prepared, and the habit of thinking ahead and anticipating the next steps;

Whereas, In addition to his involvement with the Bluebeard, Tom Battista has played a huge part in the renovation of Massachusetts Avenue; and

Whereas, Under the guidance of John and Abbi Adams and Tom's son Ed, the Bluebeard restaurant has received the recognition it truly deserves: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates the Bluebeard restaurant and owners John and Abbi
- 3 Adams and Tom and Eddie Battista for selection as a semifinalist in the
- 4 2013 James Beard Foundation Restaurant and Chef Awards.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to John and Abbi
3 Adams and Tom and Eddie Battista.

